

# DAWN BUTLER

## Prepare for Power

### Socialist Educational Association Statement

I believe that education is one of the most important areas of public policy.

Education is vital to our economy, educating the workforce of tomorrow and driving forward growth and technological change, but also in making our shared cultural life so much richer and fulfilling.

Thank you to the Socialist Educational Association for being an unwavering advocate for the promotion of equality in our education system. And in particular for promoting your positive socialist vision of a comprehensive and non-selective education service under local democratic control.

This is something that I fully support. I am passionate in my belief that every child irrespective of their start in life deserves the best possible education.

As a socialist, I wholeheartedly oppose the current direction of education in this country with the widespread academisation of our school system and the removal of Local Government oversight. Our ability to effectively plan education provision in our communities has been eradicated impacting children who often can't get a school place local to them forcing them to travel further and longer.

I have written to the Secretary of State for Education outlining my clear opposition to these policies and the plan to, in my own constituency, convert every school into an academy by 2022.

I was proud to stand on Labour's manifesto at the last election pledging to introduce a National Education Service providing free education for every child and adult covering all types of learning including vocational and technical. I also believe that private schools have been able to exploit tax loopholes for far too long and that this must be stopped once and for all and that we should use this money to improve the education of all our children.

It is my priority to be a campaigning Deputy Leader and to prepare the Labour Party for power so that we are able to legislate a radical socialist agenda on education and beyond.

I assure you that I will continue to oppose any cuts to our schools and to promote my vision of a socialist education system that works for the betterment of all.



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